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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On June 25, 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration's New York Field Division will be hosting a three hour seminar on "*Illegal Internet Pharmaceutical Websites*." This innovative and informative program is designed to raise the awareness of educators, students, medical personnel, political leaders and those in the pharmaceutical industry regarding the dangers of pharmaceutical drugs illegally purchased and distributed via the internet.

The program will consist of presentations detailing the dangers of abusing prescription drugs, DEA's perspective on the investigation of these illegal internet activities, and the medical and legal consequences associated with these illicit schemes. After these presentations, the program will feature a panel of distinguished experts, including the Honorable Scott Burns, Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy and Deputy Assistant Administrator Joseph Rannazzisi from the DEA's Office of Diversion Control, as well as leaders in the fields of law and victim services. A question and answer period will immediately follow this discussion to provide the audience with an opportunity to further explore issues raised by the panel.

The event has been organized in conjunction with John Jay College of Criminal Justice and will be held in the college's auditorium, which is located at 899 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served throughout the program.

This initiative will educate you regarding an issue that has fast become a focus of law enforcement and the public's attention. I hope you will accept my personal invitation to attend and join me in bringing this vital information to the community.

Sincerely,

John P. Gilbride

Special Agent in Charge